

[3rd March 1927]

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Government has power to remit but it is ordinarily not done in the case of a loan. A loan is meant to be granted for productive purposes."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"Have they considered the possibility of remitting in view of the prevailing seasonal conditions?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The question has not been considered this particular year."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if he will be pleased to say that he will consider it now?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I will consider it if he wishes; but I cannot hold out any hope that it will be done."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"I wish it with the hope that there may be some chance."

*Failure of the second crop in Malabar.*

\* 214 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of rains there is partial failure of the second paddy crop in Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government propose to make an inquiry into the extent of the failure?

A.—(a) The Collector reports that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. The first or main crop harvested above the average.

(b) The Government do not propose to make any special enquiry on the particular matter referred to. Crop particulars are recorded in the village accounts and loss of the second crop on single crop wet lands makes the pattadar eligible for the remission of the charge for the second crop.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Collector says that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. May I know whether the Collector has made his proposal with reference to the whole district of Malabar or with reference to the particular taluks?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The whole district."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Has he given information with reference to the taluks separately?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Not so far as I recollect, Sir."

### Irrigation

*Proposed irrigation works in the Godavari Eastern division.*

\* 215 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Public Works Department intends to construct a lock at the 18th mile on the Bank canal in the Central delta of the Godavari Eastern division;